being considered by the Government and a final decision in this regard has not yet been taken.

[Translation]

Telephone Towers in Madhya Pradesh

5472. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of telephone towers in Madhya Pradesh are out of order for the last two years;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the reasons therefor, district-wise; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken/proposed to be taken to rectify these telephone towers ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

[English]

Consumer Protection Act

5473. PROF P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state

(a) whether any lacunae in the Consumer Protection Act have come to the notice of the Government during its period of operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to remove the lacunae ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The Government reviews on regular basis the progress of the operation of the Consumer Protection Act and makes amendments as and when necessary for improving the functioning of the Act. On the recommendation of the Central Consumer Protection Council, Central Government had constituted a Working Group to suggest suitable amendments to the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 and the Rules framed thereunder. The Working Group has submitted its report suggesting certain amendments to the Act to enlarge its scope and to make it more effective and purposeful. As the recommendations pertain to various Ministries/ Departments, discussions/consultations with them are in progress so as to finalise the amendments of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Tourist Circuit in the Country

5474. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of tourist circuit at present in the country alongwith the Plan for oreating more tourist circuits in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat during 1996-97 for the development of these tourist circuits and whether any other tourist circuits has been created in these States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount to be provided to Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat out of this provision;

(e) whether the Government propose to extend the Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Omkareshwar-Mandu circuit upto Ratlam; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) The Department of Tourism has identified 12 circuits and destinations for intensive and integrated development of Tourism in the country. These are :—

Travel Cirouits

1. Kulu-Manali-Leh.
2. Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orchha-Khajuraho.
3. Bagdogra-Sikkim-Darjeeling-Kalimpong.
4. Bhubaneshwar-Puri-Konark.
5. Hyderabad-Nagarjunasagar-Tirupati.
6. Madras-Mamallapuram-Pondicherry.
7. Rishikesh-Narender Nagar-Gangotri-Badrinath.
8. Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Omkareshwar-Mandu.
9. Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Barmer.
10. Bangalore-Mysore-Hassan.
11. Sindhudurg-Vijayanagara.
12. Bhubaneshwar-Chandikole-Mohavinayak-Udaigiri-Lalitgiri-Ratnagiri-Kendrapara-Chandabali-Bhitar-Kanika-Akhanda-Bhadrak-Biraja-Khetra.

Destinations

1. Lakshadweep Islands.
2. Andaman Islands.
3. Manali (Solang-Nalah).
4. Bekal Beach.
5. Muttukadu Beach.
6. Kangra (Pong Dam).